



Draft Minutes
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Transportation Technical Committee
of the Metropolitan Planning Organization

Friday, May 21, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting through GoToMeeting™

Committee Members in attendance:

Raymond Lai	MCRPC, Executive Director, Technical Committee Chair
Kevin Kothe	City of Bloomington, Director of Public Works, as proxy for Tim Gleason
Craig Shonkwiler	City of Bloomington, City Engineer
Jerry Stokes	McLean County Highway Department, County Engineer, and as proxy for Camille Rodriguez, by proxy Luke Hohulin, Assistant County Engineer
Wayne Aldrich	Town of Normal, Director of Public Works, as proxy for Pam Reece
Ryan Otto	Town of Normal, Director of Engineering
Robert Nelson	IDOT District 5, Planning & Services Chief
Dan Magee	IDOT District 5, Federal Aid Coordinator
Mark Peterson	Connect Transit, Interim General Manager, by proxy Brady Lange

Committee members not in attendance:

Carl Olson	Central Illinois Regional Airport, Executive Director
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Others Present

Tom Caldwell	IDOT, OP&P	Jennifer Sicks	MCRPC
JD Stevenson	FHWA		

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lai called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Attendance & Introductions

A quorum was present, with members in attendance as listed above.

3. Public Comment

Ms. Sicks advised that no request for public comment was received, and no one has requested to be present to offer comment.

4. Minutes

Mr. Hohulin offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2021 virtual



meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Otto. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items for Action

5. Approval of Draft FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Publication

Ms. Sicks noted that the version for publication now includes the state program, and showed the current program totals with the District 5 projects, with a substantial increase in the constrained program to a five-year total of \$215,302,638.

In the new draft, updated transit information is also included. The Connect Transit information is complete. Some additional information will be added with regard to SHOW BUS.

Mr. Stevenson noted the availability of COVID Relief funds, and asked if the funds have been allocated. Ms. Sicks noted that the funds are included in the current draft; Bloomington will apply the funds to Hamilton Road, Normal to the West College Avenue project between Rivian and White Oak Road, and the County on the Danvers-Yuton Rd project.

Ms. Sicks noted that the published draft will not have the annual maps. Mr. Otto asked Mr. Nelson about the Main St./Business 51 project limits, about which there has been previous discussion of changing the northern limit from College to Gregory. Mr. Nelson will consult with Scott Neihart on this matter. Mr. Ryan noted that the change was intended to extend the improvements through the ISU campus. Mr. Magee noted that the Normal COVID project funding is not shown in the funding detail; Ms. Sicks noted that it will be added.

Mr. Aldrich noted that the complete funding for the Uptown Connector is now included in the project list. Mr. Aldrich noted the Town's appreciation for the efforts of federal, state and other partners in securing and confirming the funding. Ms. Sicks noted that the project will take place over a three-year period.

Mr. Magee noted that the RAISE grant opportunity was announced yesterday. Mr. Lai noted that the RAISE grant was discussed at the Intergovernmental Staff meeting earlier this morning. Mr. Lai inquired if the state would be willing to participate or encourage a project on a state facility, such as Main Street. Mr. Magee will inquire. Ms. Sicks noted that the RAISE program now includes a planning grant component.

Mr. Hohulin moved for the approval of publication of the Draft FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comment, and was seconded by Mr. Magee. The motion carried unanimously.



Items of Information or Discussion

6. That Which May Arise

None raised.

7. Next Meeting

The Committee is next scheduled to meet virtually at 10:30 am on Friday, June 18, 2021. The meeting will incorporate the public hearing regarding the draft 2022-2026 TIP.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Otto moved for adjournment, and was seconded by Mr. Magee. Approval of adjournment was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Jennifer A. Sicks".

Jennifer A. Sicks

Senior Transportation Planner

McLean County Regional Planning Commission